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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Cypriot President Makarios apparently is weighing some further response, including possible resignation, to the intensifying Greek pressure. (Page 1)

[Redacted] Soviet [Redacted]
[Redacted] Cuba. (Page 2)

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Talks between the UK and Malta resumed yesterday in London. (Page 2)

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CYPRUS

President Makarios has been preparing an answer to the demands made by the Greek Government in its note of 11 February,

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Makarios is also considering resigning the presidency. If he does so, Makarios will couple his announcement with a proclamation setting a date for national elections.

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NOTES

USSR-Cuba

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USSR-Bangladesh: Sunday's communiqué winding up Prime Minister Rahman's visit to the USSR expresses Bangladesh backing for a number of foreign policy positions favored by Moscow, notably the Viet Cong's seven-point peace plan and the 1967 UN resolution on the Middle East. There was no mention of major new aid commitments, but Moscow agreed to proceed with over \$40 million in projects begun in Bangladesh prior to the war. The communiqué indicates that some further aid for reconstruction of industries, transport, and fisheries and the training of technicians will be made available.

Malta-UK: Prime Minister Mintoff began a new round of talks in London yesterday with Defense Secretary Carrington.

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the first day's discussions brought some progress on bilateral issues but no change on the major sticking points. The talks are to resume this morning and a session with Prime Minister Heath is scheduled for this afternoon.

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UK-Guatemala: The tension resulting from the UK decision to reinforce its garrison in British Honduras eased somewhat during the weekend. On Saturday Guatemalan Foreign Minister Herrera told Ambassador Bowdler that, at President Arana's direction, he was sending the British a note agreeing to talks at the ministerial level later this week provided that London holds off on any public announcement of its reinforcement plans.

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